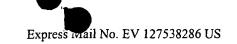
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Method For Preparing Light-Absorbing

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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed June 25, 2002.

In the Claims:

13. (Amended) The method of claim 12 wherein said base is selected from the group consisting of triethylamine, tri-n-butylamine, N-methylpiperidine, N,N'-dimethylpiperazine, N-methylmorpholine and N,N,N',N'-tetramethylethylenediamine, pyridines, picolines, quinolines isoquinolines, N-alkylpyrroles, N-alkylimidazoles, 1,8-diazabicyclo[5,4,0]undec-7-ene (DBU), 1,5-diazabicylco[4,3,0]non-5-ene (DBN) and 1,4-diazadicyclo[2,2,2]octane and mixtures thereof.

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19. (Amended) The method of claim 18 wherein said B moiety of the organic compound having the formula $X-B-X_1$ is selected from the group consisting of-CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH(CH₃)CH₂-, -CH₂C(CH₃)₂CH₂-, -(CH₂)₄-, -(CH₂)₆-, -CH₂CH₂OCH₂CH₂- and-CH₂-1,4-cyclohexylene-CH₂-.